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## TWENTY-FOURTH ANNIVERSARY

OF THE

# New-York State Colonization Society.

This Anniversary was held on Tuesday evening, May 6th, in the Collegiate (Reformed Dutch) Church in Lafayette Place. The attendance was not crowded, but larger than we recollect to have seen for the last four years.

Anson G. Phelps, Esq., President of the Society, presided. Rev. Thomas De Witt, D.D., supplicated the divine blessing.

Dr. D. M. Reese, whose zeal for the cause has known no abatement, read the Treasurer's Report, and also an abstract from the Annual Report of the Board of Managers.

The President then introduced to the audience Rev. Robert S. Finley, of New-Jersey, who was actively instrumental as an agent of the American Colonization Society, in organizing this Society, January 11th, 1831, and subsequently for some time its agent and corresponding secretary.

Rev. John Seys, for many years superintendent of the Methodist missions, Liberia, and now designated an Agent of the A. C. S., to accompany the large expedition of this month to Liberia, and expecting, after securely earing for it, to make a journey of thirty or more miles from the sea-coast, to test, by experiment, the theory prevalent, that on the highlands, away from the sea-coast, new emigrants would escape the severity of the acclimating fever, or be entirely exempt from it.

Rev. A. D. Gillette, of New-York, followed Mr. Seys; and last, but not least, came the veteran defender and advocate of the cause, Rev. R. R. Gurley, Cor. Sec. of the American Colonization Society.

The audience were dismissed with a benediction and the

members of the Society called to order, with the President in the chair, to transact business.

Dr. Reesc acted as secretary pro tem.

The names of officers of the Society, nominated by the Committee of the Board of Managers, was presented and ordered to be read. On motion, it was unanimously resolved that they be elected officers for the present year.

The Corresponding Secretary, Rev. J. B. Pinney, then proposed the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

"Resolved, That this Society, in pledging to the Parent Institution the sum of \$5000, has been moved by a deep conviction, that the measures so emphatically recommended by the Board of Directors at their recent meeting, and adopted by the Executive Committee of the Parent Society, namely, the construction of receptacles, and the establishment of an interior settlement, and the employment of a special agent to superintend a large company of emigrants now waiting to embark and carry those measures into effect, are objects demanding the most prompt and generous consideration of all the friends of the Society.

"Resolved, That in the view of this meeting, the evidences which have recently come to light, of the investment of American capital, and the participation of American citizens in the atrocities of the African Slave Trade, would justify the renewal of the appropriation by our government against this traffic, the reëstablishment of the Agency for re-captured Africans, and that the Republic of Liberia, contending in its weakness, but with extraordinary prudence and valor against this trade, is entitled to the sympathy and some degree of countenance and aid from our government, and other civilized and Christian nations.

"Resolved, That the friends of this Society may well congratulate themselves on the general harmony of opinion now prevalent among the several State Societies, and the increasing zeal and liberality expressed by those interested in the enterprise throughout the Union.

"Resolved, That the noble gift of \$36,000 by Mr. John Stevens, a citizen of Maryland, to the American Colonization Society, for the construction of an emigrant ship—a gift consecrated, within a few days after the donor executed a deed of trust making it the property of the Society, by his death—is worthy of grateful and perpetual remembrance and of imitation by prosperous and wealthy men, while the sudden decease of this benefactor to the cause admonishes us to do what remains for us to do for it with our might."

On motion, the thanks of the Society were voted to the speakers, and also to the Trustees of the Church.

On motion, resolved, that the Annual Report, an abstract of which has been read, be adopted and published under the direction of the Executive Committee.

## TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## BOARD OF MANAGERS

# New-Pork State Colonization Society.

THE Board of Managers of the New-York State Colonization Society present the following Report of their operations, and a summary of important events affecting the cause of Colonization, and of the Civilization and Christianizing of Africa, for the year ending May 1st, 1856.

The Report made by our Corresponding Secretary, Rev. J. B. Pinney, who returned from an examination of Liberia, about the season of the anniversary in May, 1855, presented facts as to the condition of the Republic of Liberia, on the whole, sufficiently favorable to encourage us to perseverance; but, at the same time, clearly to establish the need of some improvement in the care of emigrants, both on their passage and after arrival. The impression of a demand for immediate action induced the Board of Managers to pass resolutions proposing the call of a special meeting of the Directors of the American Colonization Society, that by general consultation a wise and united effort might be made to remedy existing evils. The Executive Committee of the American Colonization Society did not deem the case of sufficient urgency to justify the special meeting. The

conviction that, without some remedial action, our free colored population would be discouraged from emigration, and even zealous friends feel indisposed to encourage them to emigrate, from apprehension of great danger and mortality, and a hope that by united consultation a harmonious plan could be adopted, which would give a new impulse to the cause, were the chief considerations which moved the Board to pass their resolutions. They were disappointed by the action of the Executive Committee at Washington, and waited, with regret for the loss of so much time, until, at the annual meeting of the Directors at Washington, the plans and modifications so necessary could be adopted. The Board are happy to report that, after full consultation, plans of action were agreed to by the Directors, calculated to unite all the friends in a hearty cooperation, and which, it is believed, will, to a great extent, obviate the evils before existing. These plans embraced the determination to provide immediately new and commodious receptacles for emigrants, to make an experiment of an interior settlement, and to take greater care of the emigrants on their passage.

Without entire confidence in the wisdom of proposed measures, hearty cooperation can not be secured, much less enthusiasm. The zeal and ardor of our friends can only be retained by evidence that every known error or neglect will be corrected as soon as manifest, and that the Society not only seeks to increase the number of emigrants, but to secure, as far as practi-

cal, their comfort, health, and lives.

Under the circumstances existing in the early part of the year, as above stated, having no distinct object for which to make an appeal, and perceiving the heavy pressure which weighed upon the commercial and business community, the Board made no special effort to raise funds, and the income of the year has been only such as could be secured by a limited agency and without urgency.

### EXPEDITION TO LIBERIA.

It became evident, during the summer, that a larger number of emigrants than usual, from this and the neighboring free States, would be ready to embark for Liberia in the autumn; and though much preferring to call for funds to make preparations for care of emigrants, the Board decided, under the circumstances, to aid in sending out an expedition. This was intended to have been fitted out in October, but delayed for six or eight weeks to await the expected return of the bark Estelle.

As the Estelle did not return, the bark Lamartine, of 380 tons measurement, was chartered on favorable terms, and sailed from New-York December 24th. This charter was made with the assent and in coöperation with the American Colonization Society, and the expenses borne by the State Auxiliaries, in proportion to the number of emigrants from each State. As a much larger number were enrolled to go than actually embarked, a large surplus of the provisions will be sold, and the avails returned in season for another emigration. The emigrants from New-Jersey, under a special arrangement made by the Colonization Agent of that State, besides the usual supplies, were furnished with a small sum of cash, and allowed to take charge of themselves from the time of their arrival. Indeed, in relation to this whole company, a new experiment has been made, testing their capacity to provide for themselves, by furnishing a certain sum to each person, and throwing on themthe responsibility of self-support.

The passage of the Lamartine was very short, not exceeding thirty days; and by letters from Captain Thompson and several emigrants, it appears to have been a pleasant voyage. Those who saw Liberia for the first time seemed remarkably well pleased with the country. The Lamartine afforded a return passage for Rev. Mr. Horne, of the Methodist Mission, and for several Liberians, who had visited the United States, and whose convictions were all in favor of a home on the shores of Africa. Besides these, forty-eight others embarked, and all but an infant of Mr. Hamilton's family arrived in safety and good health.

Two expeditions had, during the summer, been dispatched with emigrants from Baltimore and Norfolk, taking about 200 emigrants, fitted out by the American Colonization Society.

The Board regret to report, that in the company which emigrated to Liberia from New-York, in 1854, there has been an unusual mortality. This mortality was confined chiefly to two families, Mr. Derrick's and Mr. Williams'.

The yet larger families of Mr. Smith and Cook had not a

death during the year. Mr. Derrick was over sixty years of age, and probably sank under change of climate. Mrs. Derrick and her infant, a few days old, died the same week. Her death was not from any peculiar influence of the climate. We look forward with interest and apprehension for the result upon those lately landed from the Lamartine, and are more than ever impressed with the importance of securing some elevated interior region, that, if possible, the many emigrants who at no distant day will flock to Liberia, may escape the malaria, supposed to be especially destructive near the coast.

#### FUNDS.

The season was one of general pecuniary pressure, and it was apprehended that the Colonization Society would suffer a serious diminution of income, but individual generosity has compensated for the loss in general collections, so that the year compares favorably with previous years in its total results. The voluntary collections from churches was smaller than for many previous years. This was attributable to the pressing claims for the Boards of the several churches, or to casual neglect. It may, in a measure, have arisen from an apprehension that until some active and decided plans for improvement in Africa were adopted, funds for the mere purpose of sending out emigrants might be withheld without injury. In looking forward to the coming year, we may confidently hope that the causes which operated unfavorably for the past year, will be succeeded by others of brighter promise. The Treasurer's Report, while exhibiting, in the general fund, a decrease in the item of legacies of \$2780, as compared with the previous year, exhibits an increase of receipts from donations and from agencies. The same Report shows an increase of over \$3000 in the permanent school fund, being a portion of the legacy of the late Mr. John Bloomfield, of Rome, N. Y.

#### LEGACY OF S. S. HOWLAND.

The legacy left by Mr. Howland of \$10,000, for the emancipation of slaves, was ready to be paid over by the executors in 1855. But owing to an indefiniteness in designating the Colonization Society which should have received the legacy, the

executors were unwilling to pay it either to the American or New-York Society until the question was settled. Various expedients were suggested, but without progress, until the month of February, when by a resolution of this Board, it was proposed, and the proposition accepted by the American Colonization Society, that the legacy should be deposited in one of the Trust Companies of New-York, to the credit of the Treasurer of the American Colonization Society, but with the understanding that in deciding upon its application, in all cases the New-York Society should be consulted and give its assent before the fund should be used. This was done, not from any change of views on the part of either Society as to the intention of the testator, but to cultivate harmony, to avoid the expenses and delay of litigation, and under a conviction that in this way the design of the legacy could be as certainly secured as in any other method. It is gratifying to state that already mutual assent has been given to the application of nearly \$8000 of the fund, to be used immediately in securing the emancipation and removal to Africa of 147 slaves.

#### AGENCIES.

The Society has had in its employment for portions of the year the Rev. Frederick Freeman, as an agent to awaken an interest and solicit contributions from the Episcopal churches. In the autumn he assumed charge of a church at Lockport, in this State, and the Society has not since had his services, and it is yet uncertain whether we shall obtain them again. The Rev. Henry Connelly has continued his agency. His field of labor has been enlarged, with corresponding success. His labors have been prosecuted with great industry, prudence, and energy, and to the entire approbation of the Board. His services are continued.

Early in the year efforts were made to secure the labor of some competent agent among the Methodist churches, but with partial success. The Rev. J. M. Pease, who entered upon the work, had so committed himself to an interior exploration eastward of Liberia, that he requested and received permission to raise a fund in the field of his agency to assist in his travels; consequently, though his collections, as reported, were published in the New-York Colonization Journal, they were kept

apart, and do not enter into the general accounts reported by the Treasurer of the Society. Mr. Pease, before the close of the year, made arrangements to prosecute his African explorations, and to raise a fund for that purpose, under the auspices of the American Geographical Society, and his agency for the Colonization Society has terminated with mutual consent at his gwn request. He will be followed with much interest by all who appreciate the importance of a better knowledge of the unexplored region, whither he proposes to go. It will be seen that the agency labor of the Society has been comparatively small; this resulted rather from the difficulty of finding adequate agents, than any disinclination to employ them. It is still an earnest desire of the Board to occupy the field with efficient exponents of the cause.

#### LEGISLATIVE AID.

Through the friendship of a portion of the Legislature of New-York, a bill was reported and discussed at its late session, proposing a small appropriation for the encouragement of voluntary emigration from among the colored population of New-York.

The bill was left among the unfinished business of the session, but elicited a valuable discussion on the merits of colonization, in which the Society found eloquent and able advocates. A circular was prepared and laid before the members of the Legislature, showing that nine States of the Union were now, by legislative approbation, encouraging their free colored population to this enterprise; and that for commercial, political, and equitable interests the great State of New-York might properly cooperate. The peculiar political excitement which operated to retard action, it is believed, will be but temporary, and in a calmer day the merits of our cause will command the confidence, and secure the legislation necessary to give it augmented efficiency.

#### EDUCATION.

The Board report with pleasure that, from the income of the Beveridge and Bloomfield funds, they have been enabled to support in schools of Liberia several scholars—a gratifying report of whose progress has been made by the Principal of the

Alexander High School at Monrovia, Rev. D. A. Wilson. By an order of the Board, made in the winter of 1855, there was appropriated from the income of Mr. Bloomfield's legacy \$500 for education of youth for the schools connected with the Episcopal mission in Liberia. During the year both Mr. Wilson and Mr. Horne, Principals of High Schools at Monrovia, whose health had required a return to the United States, have returned, and, at the date of latest news, were happily engaged in their much-needed labors.

In our own land several attempts are under way to found and set in operation schools of a high class for the free colored population, for which we hope the utmost success. It is understood that the Trustees for education in Liberia, incorporated at Boston, Mass., stand ready to open their institution so soon as a suitable man can be found to occupy the important post. For the speedier adequate endowment of such institutions, the long balance due to Africa should furnish abundant means. The bequests of the philanthropic are requested to aid in this essential department of the Colonization work.

#### PUBLICATIONS.

The Board have continued to issue the monthly Colonization Journal, and without much expense have been enabled to increase its value and interest by illustrative woodcuts.

These, with brief descriptions, will be found in the Appendix to the Report, and can thus be preserved by those who may hereafter wish to refer to them.

Of its usefulness and economy as an agent in our work, we have increasing evidence from year to year.

The example of other papers might justify an increase of the price of annual subscription; but it is doubtful whether the pecuniary gain would not be more than counterbalanced by a limit of its circulation.

#### THE AMERICAN COLONIZATION SOCIETY.

It is a source of sincere gratification that this Society has been enabled to get its funds into a better order than at the beginning of 1855, and that the important questions deemed vital to its prosperity, which were ably discussed by Reports of Committees, January, 1855, were, with an unexpected harmony, decided at the late annual meeting, January and March, 1856. It has resolved, with the aid of auxiliaries, to make this

a year of distinguished progress.

The applicants for emigration, if all were accepted, would require, at least, \$50,000. The purchase and erection of two large buildings for emigrants will require \$14,000. The experiment, preparatory to an interior settlement, of acclimating fifteen or twenty emigrants upon the mountains twenty or thirty miles from the coast, can scarcely be accomplished for less than \$5000, so that to accomplish its plans \$100,000 will not be too much.

To accomplish this great work will require, as we hope it will have, the hearty cooperation of all the auxiliary societies, and will also require the employment of a more extensive

agency.

It is at this moment chartering a vessel of 1000 tons, at a heavy outlay, to convey the receptacles, and a large company of emigrants from the South to Liberia, and while we read this Report her cargo is being prepared and shipped.

#### SLAVE TRADE.

This inhuman traffic, although chiefly suppressed along the whole western coast of Africa, is furtively carried on from several points. From the vicinity of Lagos it is reported that about 2000 or 3000 were exported in 1855-and the records of our courts of law, as well as occasional rumors of cargoes of slaves landed in Cuba or Brazil, from vessels fitted out in the United States, show that we have among us men ready to violate or evade our laws, and disregard humanity in pursuit of ill-gotten gain. The peace in Europe will, doubtless, enable Great Britain and France to replace their squadrons on the coast, and thus more effectually repress the traffic. The abuse of the flag of the United States by these miscreants, demands an increase of efficiency in the United States squadron, by substituting small steamers, as recommended by Commanders Foot and Mayo, in the place of sailing vessels now used. Indeed, to any one acquainted with the light and casual winds, which alone are found from Gambia to Gaboon, a coast of 1500 miles, where the slave trade is principally found, it is evident that one steamer would effect more than ten vessels without steam. No one has ventured of late to accuse Liberia of connection with this trade; on the contrary, it is admitted by all that, on the hundreds of miles controlled by that Republic, the traffic is utterly destroyed.

Based on this admitted fact, resolutions were passed at a Colonization Meeting held in Madison, the capital of Wisconsin, urging the general government to aid colonization, and establish a line of steamers to Liberia, the more speedily to destroy the slave trade.

#### THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA.

A review of the political and material history of Liberia for the last year affords, on the whole, grounds of hope and encouragement. After eight years of service in the highest office of the Republic, the late President announced his determination to decline a re-nomination to the office, and a warm political contest for the succession occurred, which for earnestness of excitement has scarcely been exceeded in this country. It is gratifying to learn, that when the ballot-box had decided the contest, a calm submission followed the excitement, and that President Roberts had been quietly succeeded by President Benson—than whom no one in Liberia has had larger experience in public affairs, or could bring to the office a higher character for integrity. Long may the Republic be enabled to make as wise a selection as this.

An unfavorable season diminished the supply of palm oil, and as a consequence, trade was dull; but by all accounts, the older settlements have witnessed a great increase in the farming line, and sanguine hopes are entertained that, by hiring cheap native labor, Liberia will be able to come into the markets of the world as a producer of sugar and coffee.

An unfortunate conflict with a native tribe on the coast, south-east of Sinou river, has been attended with heavy expense to the government, and a loss of houses and property by the settlers on the Sinou river, as well as several valuable lives sacrificed to savage ferocity. By the latest accounts we learn that the military forces of Liberia had effected a speedy punishment of the aggressors, and at all events, we have the gratifica-

tion to know, that leaving out of view individual acts of imprudence, the authorities of Liberia were not aggressors, and were but protecting an English captain from robbery when the offense was given to the natives.

The heavy expenses growing out of this war, preceded by a heavy expense incurred by the government of Liberia in founding a new settlement at Cape Mount, in order effectually to cut off all hope from the native chiefs that the slave trade would be revived at Gallinas and the Cape, have imposed a heavy burden upon the public treasury, and it is to be feared that they will feel compelled to abandon this last settlement, unless aided from the United States or England.

To avoid this, it may be desirable to send a vessel with fresh emigrants from the United States, to be located at that point during the present season.

#### MORTALITY.

The New-York Colonization Society has repeatedly been admonished in the past year, to do quickly what their hands find to do. The Rev. Dr. Brodhead, of Brooklyn, Rev. Spencer H. Cone, John Adams, Esq., John W. Hinton, and Rev. Dr. Thomas Bond, of the city of New-York, and Mrs. Sarah Payne, of Troy, have died since our last Annual Meeting, and their names have been stricken from the roll of members.

Three of these were Vice-Presidents of the Society: John W. Hinton, Esq., once a successful merchant of New-York, and for more than twenty years a zealous, prompt, and faithful officer of the Society; the Rev. Dr. Thomas E. Bond, Editor of the Christian Advocate; and the Rev. S. H. Cone, D.D., pastor of the Baptist Church. The others were life members of the Society. One of these, Mrs. Payne, made the Society a bequest of five hundred dollars. They were venerable in years, and alike actively engaged in efforts of Christian philanthropy. They have exchanged toil for rest, and entered into their reward. Their example is our encouragement. Looking beyond our own State, the death of one who had suddenly become known to us by an act of almost unexampled generosity, has been felt as a heavy loss by all the friends of Colonization. We refer to Mr. John Stevens, of Talbot Co.,

Md., the news of whose donation of \$36,000 for a Liberia Packet had hardly been received before it was followed by the melancholy information of his death. Though dead, the memory and influence of his generous act will long survive, to cheer and excite to emulation. And especially will the remembrance of his carefulness to have complete and perfect transfers of his donation made to the Society before his decease, serve to commend to those liberally inclined the wisdom of doing the good they propose while living.

#### SPECIAL INSTANCES OF LIBERALITY.

The record of the year would not be complete without especial allusion to some acts of liberality. Toward the close of the fiscal year of the American Colonization Society, when the Treasurer scarcely knew where to look for relief, he was surprised and gratified by an unsolicited act of liberality, on the part of Mr. David Hunt, of Mississippi, who forwarded a check for \$5000, to meet the urgent necessities of the cause. Besides several donations of \$1000 each, Mr. Hunt has once before made a single donation of \$5000 to the same Society.

After the eloquent labor of a whole summer, which had secured conditional donations to the amount of nearly \$15,000 in the State of Maine, toward building a packet-ship for the Colonization Society, the present Corresponding Secretary of the American Colonization Society, Rev. R. R. Gurley, found himself located at Washington, with hope, and yet with some misgivings lest his labors should not be crowned with final success, when, unexpectedly, it is announced to him that one man. a citizen of Talbot Co., Md., would at once assume the expense of building the proposed packet. This gentleman was Mr. John Stevens, and by this act his name will be preserved for grateful remembrance for ages to come. In our on State there have not been wanting evidences that liberal hearts are devising good for Africa. The general poverty of the settlers in Liberia is well known, and though their climate and soil invite to sugar cultivation, none had capital sufficient to purchase suitable machinery. This want was felt by all, and tended to discourage the small farmers. By the considerate and generous act of Messrs. Schieffelin and Phelps, members of this Board.

this deficiency has been supplied, and already we may hope that a steam sugar-mill is in operation upon the banks of the St. Paul's. Such instances of liberal aid, from those whose wealth allow of them, greatly encourage the efforts of others less able, and help to ennoble and honor the cause.

#### RELIGION IN AFRICA.

The Constitution of the New-York State Colonization Society enumerates as objects proposed by its labors, the civilizing and Christianizing the African tribes, as well as generally to improve the condition of the colored population of our country.

With this enlarged object in view, all operations which concur to secure the same results are subjects of review and con-The work of Christian missions has been more sideration. extensively and encouragingly successful the last year in various portions of Africa than at any previous period. Missionary stations, where patiently for years, amidst numerous obstacles, faithful men have labored with little apparent result, are now at length giving evidence of awakening and inquiry. Revivals of religion have been reported in South-Africa, at Port Natal, at Accra, at Mendi, and in Sierra Leone. Within the limits of Liberia have been witnessed most cheering illustrations of the transforming power of sanctified divine truth. Heathen villages have witnessed the very high-priests of their devil-worship turning away from their greegrees, and becoming proclaimers of the Gospel. The churches of Liberia have been aroused to more exertion, considerable accessions have been added to their list of communicants, and the tone of communications from missionaries has been cheerful and hopeful.

Even in the recent missions of Yoruba and Ashantee, the eagerness of chiefs and people to receive the missionary affords ground for the belief that "Africa's redemption draweth nigh," and that the reaper's time has come.

In connection with the missions and churches of Liberia, we are enabled to present only the following statistics; but however imperfect, they serve to show that Liberia is an increasing Christian light on the shores of a benighted Continent.

#### CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, the Board would express their profound gratitude for the progress of their cause during the year, and for the brightening prospects of its future.

If Africa is regarded as the great field of our labors, we are cheered by the rapid and successful progress of discovery. The travels of Barth and Vogle; the successful voyage of the Pleiad up the great eastern tributary of the Niger, 600 miles from the ocean, and her return without a case of mortality; the spontaneous action of the King of Abyssinia, in making immense changes and ameliorations in the laws and customs of his country; the discussion in a not unfriendly spirit in advocacy of the union of Liberia with Sierra Leone, and thus foreshadowing the growth of a great power on the shores of Western Africa, whose influence shall potentially recommend Christian civilization among the interior tribes; and finally, a general review of the progress of Christian missions there, all point with unerring premonitions of a greater work before us.

In our land we find, by the reports of all the Southern churches, that an increasing attention is given to the religious instruction of the slaves, and that compared with its effects upon either the white population South, or free colored population North, conversions are most numerous among them. We find an increasing number of masters of slaves offering them freedom with the privilege of going to Liberia; we find additional States making appropriations to aid emigration: we find the friends of Colonization preparing to cooperate with increased energy and harmony; we find a large vessel placed at our disposal capable of conveying hundreds of emigrants in the most comfortable manner, and the review is well calculated to urge us to renewed efforts. We enter upon the coming year conscious that to effect what is before us will demand more liberality and a larger income, but confident, too, that when our case is fully understood, the adequate means will not be withheld. The appeal from Washington is for one hundred thousand dollars, and without that sum the Colonization Society will be impeded in its work.

So far as the Board of Managers of the New-York State

Colonization Society, and the Society they represent, can aid in securing the adequate income, they have not hesitated to pledge that aid. Shall that pledge be fulfilled?

Colonization Office, New-York, May 1, 1856.

The following letters, written in reply to invitations to address the meeting, were ordered to be printed with the Annual Report.

#### From Rev. Geo. W. Bethune, D.D.

"BROOKLYN, March 20, 1856.

"My Dear Mr. Pinney: I am sorry to refuse you, but must positively decline speaking at your anniversary. It is not, certainly, from any unwillingness to serve the Colonization Society, but an aversion to the platform altogether, and a determination, adopted for sufficient reasons, some years since, to speak out of the pulpit as rarely as possible.

"Yours very sincerely,

"GEO. W. BETHUNE.

#### From Hon. W. Hunt.

"Colonization Office, April 4, 1856.

"My Dear Sir: I have called to see you, and regret to find that you are not here. I wish it were possible for me to attend your May meeting. But it is impracticable. I must return to the country in a week or two; and after reaching home my time will be engrossed for some months in rebuilding my house, which was burned. I regret that it is so, for nothing could be more agreeable to my feelings than to comply with your wishes. I will endeavor to see you again before leaving town. Excuse haste.

"Yours faithfully,

"Rev. J. B. PINNEY, etc., etc."

"W. HUNT.

#### From Rev. A. A. Willits.

"Philadelphia, April 5, 1856.

"Dear Sir: Your kind invitation is before me, but I regret to say that my arrangements for May this year will prevent me from attending the New-York anniversaries; otherwise it would afford me great pleasure to speak for "Africa.''
"Yours very truly,

"A. A. WILLITS.

"JOHN B. PINNEY, New-York."

### From Hon. J. J. Crittenden.

"SENATE CHAMBER, April 14, 1856.

"MY DEAR SIR: I have had the honor to receive from Mr. Gregory your letter inviting me to address a meeting of the Colonization Society, soon to take place in your city of New-York. "I am very sensible of the compliment paid to me by your invitation; and there is no cause in which I would sooner raise my humble voice. It is a most interesting and noble cause, and I feel honored in having been selected as one of its advocates.

"Circumstances, however, do not permit mo to accept your invitation, and I must beg you to excuse me for declining it.

"I am, very respectfully, yours, etc.

"Rev. J. B. PINNEY, "Cor. Sec. N. Y. S. C. S." "J. J. CRITTENDEN.

## From Hon. Wm. C. Alexander.

"PRINCETON. April 18, 1856.

"MY DEAR SIR: Your communication of the 3d instant I endeavored to answer in person; but the hour was so early that you had not reached your office. Expecting every day to be again in New-York, I have postponed a formal reply to your letter, supposing that I would be able to see you.

"The day of your anniversary is unfortunately the day selected for the most important of our political conventions in New-Jersey, and which I am under obligations to attend,

"It is with great reluctance that I am constrained to deny myself the pleasure of being with you on that occasion.

"Truly and respectfully,

"Rev. John B. Pinney."

"WILLIAM C. ALEXANDER.

### From Hon. John H. B. Latrobe, Pres. A. C. S.

"BALTIMORE, April 21, 1856.

"MY DEAR SIR: Do not rely on me this May; and say so to Mr. Phelps, who has kindly joined in your kind invitation. I have to be absent from Baltimore in Allegheny county on the 1st of May, on some professional business that occupies me too much in the mean time to permit my thinking over any thing to say in New-York: and the men are free who are always well able to vindicate this cause before the public.

"Most truly.

"Rev. T. B. PINNEY.

"JNO. H. B. LATROBE.

" Col. Rooms, New-York,"

### From Rev. Francis Hodgson, D.D.

"PHILADELPHIA, April 22, 1856.

"Dear Sir: I regret to be obliged to decline your invitation to take part in the anniversary meeting of the New-York State Colonization Society. Under favorable circumstances it would afford me great pleasure to participate in the exercises of that occasion. The cause has my most cordial approval and best wishes, but I shall be at our approaching General Conference, which will hold its sessions at Indianapolis, and do not feel free to make engagements which will require my absence from it. Praying that Providence may favor your noble interests, I subscribe myself,

Yours very truly,

"Rev. J. B. PINNEY."

"FRANCIS HODGSON.

## Creasurer's Report.

### RECEIPTS.

THE CELL IS:		
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## NEW CONSTITUTION

OF THE

# Acw-Pork State Colonization Society.

ARTICLE 1. This Society shall be called the "New-York State Colonization Society," and shall be auxiliary to the American Colonization Society.

ART. 2. The object of this Society shall be to colonize, with their own consent, people of color of the United States, on the coast of Africa, and through them to civilize and Christianize the African tribes; and also generally to improve the condition of the colored population of our country.

ART. 3. The subscription or donation of not less than one dollar annually shall constitute an individual a member of this Society; and the payment, at one time, of thirty dollars, a membership for life.

ART. 4. The officers of this Society shall be a President, twentyfour Vice-Presidents, thirty Managers, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer, who shall hold their places for one year, and until successors are duly chosen.

ART. 5. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society. The Treasurer shall keep the accounts of the Society, and take charge of its funds and property, and hold them subject to the direction of the Board of Managers. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct all correspondence, and act as the Society's general agent, subject in the discharge of his duties to the direction of the Board of Managers.

ART. 6. The President, Vice-Presidents, Secretaries, and Treasurer shall be ex-officio members and officers of the Board of Managers, which Board shall control and direct the affairs of the Society, and shall have power to make by-laws for its own government, and so as fully to direct and regulate the safe-keeping and management of the

corporate property, and the administration generally of the corporate business and affairs. Of the Board of Managers when regularly convened, seven shall form a quorum for the transaction of business.

ART. 7. The Board of Managers shall have power to fill all vacancies occurring in their body; and three successive instances of absence by any member from the meetings of the Board, without satisfactory reasons, shall authorize the Board, in its discretion, to declare the seat of such absentee vacant.

ART. 8. The Society shall hold its annual meeting during the month of May, on such day as the Board of Managers may direct, to receive reports, elect officers, and exercise all other its corporate powers not delegated to the Board of Managers. Special meetings of the Society, for like purposes, may be held at other times. as the Board of Managers may direct in its by-laws.

ART. 9. Each subscriber of one hundred dollars at one time, or who shall, by an additional payment, increase his original subscription to one hundred dollars, shall be an honorary member of the Board of Managers.

ART. 10. Each subscriber of one thousand dollars, in five annual payments, shall be a patron of the Society; and any clergyman, by the payment of half these several sums, shall be entitled to either of the offices in this and the preceding article mentioned.

ART. 11. The patrons of the Society, and honorary members of the Board of Managers, shall be entitled to attend and deliberate at all meetings of the Board of Managers, but not to vote.

ART. 12. The Constitution may be altered at an annual meeting of the Society, by a vote of a majority of the members present, upon a proposition to that effect by any member of the Society, transmitted to the Corresponding Secretary, and published in the official paper of the Society one month before the annual meeting.

## AN ACT

TO INCORPORATE THE

## Acw-York State Colonization Society.

The People of the State of New-York, represented in the Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Anson G. Phelps, Gardiner Spring, D.D., James Boorman, W. P. Van Rensselaer, Herman Camp, Archibald McIntyre, S. H. Tyng, D.D., Washington Hunt, T. Frelinghuysen, J. S. Spencer, D.D., G. P. Disosway, J. W. Beekman, D. A. Baker, Hamilton Fish, Hugh Maxwell, D. S. Gregory, L. B. Ward, John B. Pinney, J. B. Collins, Nathaniel Hayden, Francis Hall, William McMurray, Samuel A. Foot, Hiram Ketchum, and all persons who now are, or hereafter may become associated with the m, are hereby declared to be, and are constituted a body politic and corporate, by the name of the "New-York State Colonization Society."

§ 2. The particular business and objects of the said Society, are to provide the ways and means, and to manage, appropriate, and apply the same, to colonize, with their own consent, people of color of the United States on the coast of Africa, and through them to civilize the African tribes, and also generally to improve the condition of the colored population of our country, by appointing and sustaining agencies; diffusing information; collecting, receiving, appropriating, or investing funds for purposes of education, in its various branches, among people of color of our country, heretofore colonized, or hereafter to be colonized in Africa; and by other measures conducive to the objects of

African colonization.

§ 3. The corporation hereby created, shall possess all the general powers, rights, and privileges, and be subject to the restrictions contained and prescribed in the third title of the eighteenth chapter of the first part of the Revised Statutes.

§ 4. The constitution and by-laws, at the date of the passage of this act, of the association designated and known as the "New-York State Colonization Society," shall be, and continue in force as a constitution

and by-laws for the government and direction of the corporation hereby created; and the officers of such association, at the date of the passage of this act, shall be and continue officers of the corporation hereby created, until removed, or others are duly elected in their places; and all the estate and property, which such association may have heretofore received, or acquired by gift, bequest, devise, or otherwise, and, at the time of the passage of this act, held by them for objects specified in the second section of this act, is hereby vested in the corporation hereby created, and said corporation may hold, and may convey and dispose of the same, as their estate and property legally acquired under this act.

§ 5. The corporation hereby created, shall have power to alter its constitution and by-laws, or at any time to make and adopt a new constitution and new by-laws, not inconsistent with the laws of this State, so as fully to regulate and control the admission of members, the election of officers, their number, duties, and tenure of office, the safe keeping and management of its property, in what manner and by whom its corporate powers shall be exercised, and the administration of all other business and affairs, for the due and complete exercise of all such affairs,

§ 6. The management and disposal of the funds, property, and estate of the said corporation, and the entire regulation and control of its corporate business and affairs, shall be vested in the officers hereby appointed or hereafter to be elected, pursuant to its constitution and by-laws, at the times and in the manner therein provided.

§ 7. In case it shall at any time happen, that an election of officers shall not be made on the day designated therefor, the corporation hereby created, shall not for that cause be dissolved, but it shall and may be lawful, on any other day, to hold an election for such officers, in such a manner as may be directed by the by-laws of such corporation.

§ 8. The corporation hereby created, by its corporate name, shall, in law, be capable of taking, receiving, purchasing, and holding, real estate, for the purposes of their corporation, and for no other purpose, to an amount not exceeding the sum of fifty thousand dollars in value; and personal estate, for like purposes, to an amount not exceeding the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars in value, but the clear annual income of such real and personal estate shall not exceed the sum of thirty thousand dollars.

§ 9. The corporation hereby created shall be capable of taking, holding, or receiving any property, real or personal, by virtue of any devise or bequest, contained in any last will or testament of any person whatsoever, the clear annual income of which devise or bequest shall not exceed the sum of twenty thousand dollars.

§ 10. The Legislature may at any time alter, modify, or repeal this act.

§ 11. This act shall take effect immediately,



JOSEPH J. ROBERTS.

JOSEPH J. ROBERTS, who has retired from his position as President of Liberia, was a native of Petersburg, Virginia, born in 1808 of free parentage. His father died when he was young. His mother, with her four children, emigrated to Liberia from Petersburg in the ship Harriet, which sailed January, 1829, and arrived in Liberia in March following with 147 emigrants. Joseph was the oldest of the children, and immediately entered into mercantile business under the administration of Gov. Meehlin. He made one of a party, perhaps the leader, who destroyed a slave-trading establishment at Little Bassa; it unfortunately happened that the Spaniard who owned it was killed, in retaliation of which it was supposed that the vessel with her captain and erew were sunk a few months afterwards near Cape Mount. Threats had been made, and the vessel was never heard of after leaving Monrovia for the vicinity of the Gallinas. Mr. Roberts, in 1833, was a licutenant in a volunteer company of militia at Monrovia. The writer, who arrived at that port early in February that year, well remembers incidents which occurred while he was witnessing with admiration the rapid and severe drill. In a few years he rose to the rank of General, meantime having twice been elected sheriff and councilman. He was for a time a partner in the mercantile firm of Colson & Roberts, several times visiting the United States. He married for his second wife the daughter of C. M. Wearing, at one time the first merchant of Monrovia, and Lieutenant Governor.

On the arrival of Gov. Buchanan, in the year 1839, for the sake of economy numerous changes were made in the personnel of the Society's services. Among oth-

ors J. J. Roberts succeeded, in the office of Keeper of Public Stores, to E. Johnson. who had filled the office for nearly thirteen years. In this position he was of eminent service to that office, and at the severely contested election of 1840, he was elected Lieutenant Governor over Chief Justice Benedict, who had received the ardent support of the Methodist missionaries. In this office he continued until the mournful death of that eminent man, in 1841, when ex-efficio, he succeeded to the office of Governor, and continued in this position until, on nomination of the late Anson G. Phelps, Esq., of New-York, he was appointed Agent by the Board of Directors of the American Colonization Society, Jan. 7, 1842. In this position he continued, giving the highest satisfaction, until, forced by circumstances, the feeble colony was under a necessity of becoming self-governing and entirely independent in its political organization. This occurred in 1847, and, almost without opposition, he was elected the first President of Liberia. The Presidential term is but two years in Liberia, and though at times the elections were warmly contested, he was timbe times reflected, thus continuing in this responsible post for eight years. Having enjoyed as long as our immortal Washington did, the highest position which a nation could intrust to him, like him, too, he voluntarily retired and refused a reëlection. Of the probity, diligence, and distinguished prudence and success of his administration this is not the time to write.



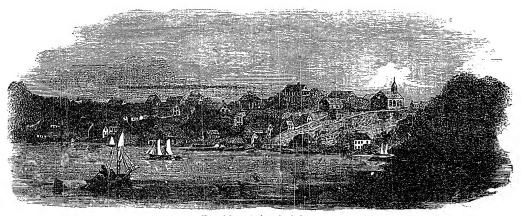
STEPHEN ALLEN BENSON.

STEPHEN ALLEN BENSON, elected President of Liberia in 1855, entered upon his official duties January 1st, 1856. He is 39 years of age. Born of free parents, in Cambridge, Dorchester county, Maryland, March, 1816, and with his parents emi-

grated to Liberia, May, 1822, in the Brig Strong. Dr. Ayres had only on the 7th of January previous, landed from Sierra Leone the first small company of colonists on an island in Mesurado river, and in April had returned from Sierra Leone with a few more, and removed from the island, where they were annoyed by the natives, to the ridge of the promontory, and built a few luts where now is the enpitul of a Republic. On the arrival of the "Strong," Mr. Ashnian, finding both Dr. Ayres and Mr. Wiltberger had departed for the United States, assumed the agency, and at once apprehending the danger which menaced the settlement from surrounding savages instigated by slave-traders and by hope of plunder, began preparations for defense. In the attack made about the 1st of November, 1822, by 860 warriors upen this handful of new settlers, at the very onset President Benson, then but 8 years oid, and four brothers and sisters, were captured and carried off, while the fater was wounded and an older brother shet dead. The savages were repulsed and retired with their captives, who were after some months returned.

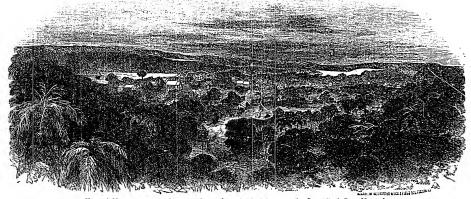
For six or seven years he attended such schools as the celeny offorded, and thus secured a limited education. When 15 years of age young Benson left the school and became a merchant's clerk. In this occupation he continued four years at Menrovia. In the summer of 1835, he, with others, volunteered to punish the natives who had massacred 18 celenists at Bassa Ceve and burned up their dwellings. From that time until elected to the Presidency, he remained at Bassa, where he has from time to time held responsible political trusts, acted as Agent of the Colenization Seciety, was a leading merchant, and by his successful example in ceffee planting, has dene much to awakea an interest in farming.

Of course the character and education of Mr. Benson must have been formed in Liberia. No man can have a better personal knowledge of the history and wants of the colony than he pessesses. He early became a member of the M. E. Church, and has continued to held fast a good confession. The wood-cut likeness which we give was made from a daguerreotype, and will witness to all who see it, that whatever of honer may be reflected upon Liberia by his administration, will redound to the African race. Our letters as late as April 10, speak in terms of culcry of his administration so far.



View of Monrovia from the Anchorage.

In this view of Monrovia the artist gives us the river front, where are the warehouses and large wholesale and commission stores. On the summit of the prolongation of the Mesurado promontory, runs Ashmun street, and it was on that street, a little to the left of the Methodist High-school, where the desperate attack of 80 savages was made and defeated in December, 1822, and where are now the public buildings of the Republic.



View of Monrovia and the Mesurado River, from the Lighthouse on the Summit of Cape Mesurado.

This view was taken by the daguerreotypist at a distance of over half a mile from the nearest object, and presents a distant view of several miles. Owing to this great distance more than half the small houses, hid in gardens, surrounded by orange, cocca, pawpaw, and guava trees, do not appear. This, with the previous view of Monrovia from the anchorage, will give a fair idea of its condition two years ago. The church on Ashmun street on the left of the picture is the same in both views, and its comparative size in the two will indicate its relative distance from the artist. Mr. Augustus Washington, who took these daguerreotypes, had much to contend with in his efforts, and deserves our thanks for his attempts and success. We do not despair of furnishing many more landscape views, even botter than these, because taken under botter auspices.

## CONSTITUTION

OF THE

## REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA.

#### ARTICLE I.

#### DECLARATION OF RIGHTS.

THE end of the institution, maintenance and administration of government, is to secure the existence of the body politic, to protect it, and to furnish the individuals who compose it with the power of enjoying, in safety and tranquillity, their natural rights and the blessings of life; and whenever these great objects are not obtained, the people have a right to alter the government, and to take measures necessary for

their safety, prosperity, and happiness.

Therefore we, the people of the Commonwealth of Liberia in Africa, acknowledging with devout gratitude the goodness of God in granting to us the blessings of the Christian religion, and political, religious, and civil liberty, do, in order to secure these blessings for ourselves and our posterity, and to establish justice, insure do-mestic peace, and promote the general welfare, hereby solemnly associate, and constitute ourselves a free, sovereign, and independent State, by the name of the Republic of Liberia, and do ordain and establish this Constitution, for the government of the same.

SEC. 1. All men are born equally free and independent, and have certain natural inherent and inalienable rights-among which are the rights of enjoying and defending life and liberty, of acquiring, possessing, and protecting property, and of

pursuing and obtaining safety and happiness.

SEC. 2. All power is inherent in the people; all free governments are instituted by their authority and for their benefit, and they have a right to alter and reform

the same when their safety and happiness require it.

SEC. 3. All men have a natural and inalienable right to worship God according to the dictates of their own consciences, without obstruction or molestation from others. All persons demeaning themselves peaceably, and not obstructing others in their religious worship, are entitled to the protection of law in the free exercise of their own religion, and no sect of Christians shall have exclusive privileges or preference over any other sect, but all shall be alike tolerated; and no religious test whatever shall be required as a qualification for civil office, or the exercise of any civil right.

SEC. 4. There shall be no slavery within this republic. Nor shall any citizen of this republic, or any person resident therein, deal in slaves, either within or with-

out this Republic, directly or indirectly.

SEC. 5. The people have a right at all times, in an orderly and peaceable manner, to assemble and consult upon the common good, to instruct their representa-tives, and to petition the government or any public functionaries for the redress of

Sec. 6. Every person injured shall have remedy therefor by due course of law; justice shall be done without denial or delay; and in all cases not arising under martial law, or upon impeachment, the parties shall have a right to a trial by jury,

and to be heard in person or by counsel, or both.

SEC. 7. No person shall be held to answer for a capital or infamous crime, except in cases of impeachment, cases arising in the Army and Navy, and petty offenses, unless upon presentment by a grand jury; and every person eniminally charged shall have a right to be seasonably furnished with a copy of the charge, to be confronted with the witnesses against him, to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor; and to have a speedy, public, and impartial trial by a jury of the vicinity. He shall not be compelled to furnish or give evidence against himself, and no person shall, for the same offense, be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb.

SEC. 8. No person shall be deprived of life, liberty, property or privilege, but by

the judgment of his peers, or the law of the land.

SEC. 9. No place shall be searched nor person seized, on a criminal charge or suspicion, unless upon warrant lawfully issued, upon probable cause supported by oath, or solemn affirmation, specially designating the place or person, and the object of the scarch.

SEC. 10. Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor excessive punishments inflicted; nor shall the legislature make any law impairing the obligation of contracts; nor any law rendering any act punishable, in any manner in which it was not punishable when it was continuted.

Sec. 11. All elections shall be by ballot, and every male citizen of twenty-one

years of age, possessing real estate, shall have the right of suffrage.

SEC. 12. The people have a right to keep and to bear arms for the common defense. And as, in time of peace, armies are dangerous to liberty, they ought not to be maintained without the consent of the legislature, and the military power shall always be held in exact subordination to the civil authority, and be governed by it.

SEC. 13. Private property shall not be taken for public use without just compensation.

SEC. 14. The powers of this government shall be divided into three distinct departments, the Legislative, Executive, and Judicial, and no person belonging to one of these departments shall exercise any of the powers belonging to either of the others. This section is not to be construed to include Justices of the Peace.

SEC. 15. The liberty of the press is essential to the security of freedom in a

State: it ought not, therefore, to be restrained in this Republic.

The press shall be free to every person who undertakes to examine the proceedings of the legislature or any branch of government; and no law shall ever be made to restrain the rights thereof. The free communication of thoughts and opinions is one of the invaluable rights of man; and every citizen may freely speak, write, and print on any subject, being responsible for the abuse of that libertyack.

In prosecutions for the publication of papers investigating the official conduct of officers, or men in a public capacity, or where the matter published is proper for public information, the truth thereof may be given in evidence. And in all indietments for libels, the jury shall have a right to determine the law and the facts, under the direction of the court, as in other cases.

SEC. 16. No subsidy, charge, impost, or duties ought to be established, fixed, laid, or levied, under any pretext whatsoever, without the consent of the people, or

their representatives in the legislature.

SEC. 17. Suits may be brought against the Republic in such manner, and in

such cases as the legislature may by law direct.

SEC. 18. No person can, in any case, be subjected to the law martial, or to any penalties or pains, by virtue of that law, (except those employed in the army or navy, and except the militia in actual service,) but by the authority of the legislature.

SEC. 19. In order to prevent those who are vested with authority from becoming oppressors, the people have a rig t, at such periods, and in such manner as they shall establish by their frame of government, to carse their public officers to return to private life, and fill up vacant places, by certain and regular elections and appointments.

SEC. 20. That all prisoners shall be bailable by sufficient sureties, unless for capi-

tal offenses, when the proof is evident, or presumption great; and the privilege and the benefit of the writ of habeas corpus shall be enjoyed in this Republic, in the most free, easy, cheap, expeditious, and ample manner, and shall not be suspended by the legislature, except upon the most urgent and pressing occasions. and for a limited time, not exceeding twelve months.

#### ARTICLE II.

#### LEGISLATIVE POWERS.

Sec. 1. The legislative power shall be vested in a Legislature of Liberia and consist of two separate branches—a House of Representatives and a Senate, to be styled the Legislature of Liberia; each of which shall have a negative on the other: and the enacting style of their act, and laws shall be: "It is enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia in Legislature assembled."

SEC. 2. The representatives shall be elected by and for the inhabitants of the several counties of Liberia, and shall be apportioned among the several counties of Liberia, as follows: The county of Montserrado shall have four representatives, the county of Grand Bassa shall have three, and the county of Sinoe shall have one, and all counties hereafter which shall be admitted in the Republic shall have one representative, and for every ten thousand inhabitants one representative shall be added. No person shall be a representative who has not resided in the county two whole years immediately previous to his election, and who shall not, when elected, be an inhabitant of the county, and does not own real estate of not less value than one hundred and fifty dollars in the county in which he resides, and who shall not have attained the age of twenty-three years. The representatives shall be elected

biennially, and shall serve two years from the time of their election.

Sec. 3. When a vacancy occurs in the representation of any county by death,

resignation, or otherwise, it shall be filled by a new election.

SEC. 4. The House of Representatives shall elect their own speaker and other

officers; they shall also have the sole power of impeachment.

Sec. 5. The Senate shall consist of two members from Montserrado county, two from Bassa county, two from Since county, and two from each county which may be hereafter incorporated into this Republic. No person shall be a senator who shall not have resided three whole years immediately previous to his election in the Republic of Liberia, who shall not, when elected, be an inhabitant of the county which he represents, and who does not hold real estate of not less value than two hundred dollars in the county which he represents, and who shall not have attained the age of twenty-five years. The senator for each county who shall have the highest number of votes shall retain his seat for four years, and the one who shall have the next highest number of votes two years, and all who are afterwards elected to fill their seats shall remain in office four years.

SEC. 6. The Senate shall try all impeachments, the senators being first sworn, or solemnly affirmed, to try the same impartially, and according to law; and no person shall be convicted but by the concurrence of two thirds of the senators present. Judgment in such cases shall not extend beyond removal from office, and disqualification to hold an office in the Republic, but the party may still be tried at law for the same offense.

When either the President or Vice-President is to be tried, the Chief Justice

shall preside.

Sec. 7. It shall be the duty of the legislature, as soon as conveniently may be after the adoption of this Constitution, and once at least in every ten years afterwards, to eause a true census to be taken of each town and county of the Republic of Liberia, and a representative shall be allowed every town having a population of ten thousand inhabitants, and for every additional ten thousand in the counties after the first census one representative shall be added to that county until the number of representatives shall amount to thirty-afterwards one representative shall be added for every thirty thousand.

SEC. 8. Each branch of the legislature shall be judge of the election returns and qualifications of its own members. A majority of each shall be necessary to transact business, but a less number may adjourn from day to day, and compel the attendance of absent members. Each House may adopt its own rules of proceeding enforce order, and, with the concurrence of two thirds, may expel a member.

Sec. 9. Neither House shall adjourn for more than two days without the consent

of the other; and both Houses shall sit in the same town.

Sec. 10. Every bill or resolution which shall have passed both branches of the legislature, shall, before it becomes a law, be laid before the President for his approval. If he approves, he shall sign it, if not, he shall return it to the legislature with his objections—if the legislature shall afterwards pass the bill or resolution by a vote of two thirds in each branch, it shall become a law. If the President shall neglect to return such bill or resolution to the legislature, with his objection for five days after the same shall have been so laid before him—the Legislature remaining in session during that time—such neglect shall be equivalent to his signature.

SEC. 11. The senators and representatives shall receive from the Republic a compensation for their services, to be ascertained by law; and shall be privileged from arrest, except for treason, felony, or breach of the peace, while attending at going to, or returning from the session of the legislature.

#### ARTICLE III.

#### EXECUTIVE POWER.

SEC. 1. The supreme executive power shall be vested in a President, who shall be elected by the people, and shall hold his office for the term of two years. He shall be commander-in-chief of the army and navy. He shall, in the recess of the legislature, have power to call out the militia, or any portion thereof, into actual service, in defense of the Republic. He shall have power to make treaties, provided the Senate concur therein by a vote of two thirds of the senators present. He shall nominate, and, with the advice and consent of the Senate, appoint and commission all ambassadors and other public ministers and consuls, Secretaries of State, of way, and of the Treasury; attorney general, all judges of courts, sheriffs, coroners, marshals, justices of the peace, clerks of courts, registers. notaries public, and all other officers of State, civil and military, whose appointment may not be otherwise provided for by the Constitution, or by standing laws. And in the recess of the Senate, he may fill any vacancy in those offices, until the next session of the Senate. He shall receive all ambassadors and other public ministers. He shall take care that the laws be faithfully executed. He shall inform the legislature, from time to time, of the condition of the Republic, and recommend any public measures for their adoption which he may think expedient. He may, after conviction, remit any public forfeitures and penalties, and grant reprieves and par-dons for public offenses, except in cases of impeachment. He may require information and advice from any public officer, touching matters pertaining to his office. He may, on extraordinary occasions, convene the legislature, and may adjourn the two Houses whenever they cannot agree as to the time of adjournment.

SEC. 2. There shall be a Vice-President, who shall be elected in the same manner, and for the same term as that of the President, and whose qualifications shall be the same; he shall be President of the Senate, and give the casting vote when the House is equally divided on any subject. And in case of the removal of the President from office, or his death, resignation, or inability to discharge the power-and duties of the said office, the same shall devolve on the Vice-President, and the legislature may by law provide for the case of removal, death, resignation or inability, both of the President and Vice-President, declaring what officer shall then act as President, and such officer shall act accordingly, until the disability be

removed, or a President shall be elected.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of State shall keep the records of the State, and all timecords and papers of the legislative body, and all other public records and documents, not belonging to any other department, and shall lay the same, when required, before the President or legislature. He shall attend upon them when required, and perform such other duties as may be cojoined by law.

SEC. 4. The Secretary of the Treasury or other persons who may by law beharged with the custody of the public moneys, shall, before he receives such moneys, give bonds to the State, with sufficient sureties to the acceptance of the

legislature, for the faithful discharge of his trust. He shall exhibit a true account out moneys when required by the President or legislature; and no moneys shall be drawn from the Treasury but by warrant from the President, in consequence of

appropriation made by law.

Sec. 5. All ambassadors and other public ministers and consuls, the Secretary of State, of War, of the Treasury, and of the Navy, the Attorney General, and Postmaster General, shall hold their offices during the pleasure of the President. All justices of the peace, sheriffs, marshals, clerks of courts, registers, and notaries public, shall hold their office for the term of two years, from the date of their respective commissions; but may be removed from office within that time by the President at his pleasure; and all other officers, whose term of office may not be otherwise limited by law, shall hold their office during the pleasure of the President.

SEC. 6. Every civil officer may be removed from office by impeachment, for official microduct. Every such officer may also be removed by the President, upon the address of both branches of the legislature, stating the particular reasons for his

removal.

SEC. 7. No person shall be eligible to the office of President, who has not been a citizen of this Republic for at least five years, and shall not have cttained the age of thirty-five years; and who shall not be possessed of unencumbered real estate of not less value than six hundred dollars.

SEC. 8. The President shall at stated times receive for his services a compensation which shall neither be increased nor diminished, during the period for which he shall have been elected. And before he enters on the execution of his office, he shall take the following oath or affirmation:

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the office of President of the Republic of Liberia, and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution, and enforce the laws of the Republic of Liberia.

#### ARTICLE IV.

#### JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

SEC. 1. The judicial power of this Republic shall be vested in one Supreme Court, and such subordinate courts as the legislature may from time to time establish. The judges of the Supreme Court, and all other judges of courts, shall hold their office during good behavior; but may be removed by the President, on the address of two thirds of both Houses, for that purpose, or by impeachment and conviction thereon. The judges shall have salaries established by law, which may be increased, but not dininished, during their continuance in office. They shall not receive any other perquisite or emoluments whatever, from parties or others, on account of any duty required of them.

SEC. 2. The Supreme Court shall have original jurisdiction in all cases affecting ambassadors or other public ministers and consuls, and those to which the Republic shall be a party. In all other cases the Supreme Court shall have appellate jurisdiction, both as to law and fact, with such exceptions and under such regulations

as the legislature shall from time to time make.

#### ARTICLE V.

#### MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.

SEC. 1. All laws now in force in the Commonwealth of Liberia, and not repugnant to this Constitution, shall be in force as the laws of the Republic of Liberia, until they shall be repealed by the legislature.

Sco. 2. All judges, magistrates, and other officers now concerned in the administration of justice in the Commonwealth of Liberia, and all other existing civil and military officers therein, shall continue to hold and discharge their respective offices in the name and by the authority of the Republic, until others shall be appointed and commissioned in their stead pursuant to this Constitution.

SEC. 3. All towns and municipal corporations within this Republic, constituted under the laws of the Commonwealth of Liberia, shall retain their existing organizations and privileges, and the respective officers thereof shall remain in office, and

act under the authority of this Republic, in the same manner and with the like

powers as they now possess under the laws of said Commonwealth.

Sec. 4. The first election of President, Vice-President, Senators, and Representatives shall be held on the first Tuesday in October in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty-seven, in the same manner as elections of members of the Council are chosen in the Commonwealth of Liberia, and the votes shall be certified and returned to the Colonial Secretary, and the result of the election shall be ascertained, posted, and notified by him as it is now by law provided in case of such members of Council.

SEC. 5. All other elections of President, Vice-President, senators, and representatives, shall be held in the respective towns on the first Tuesday in May, in every two years, to be held and regulated in such manner as the legislature may by law prescribe. The returns of votes shall be made to the Secretary of State, who shall open the same, and forthwith issue notices of the election to the persons apparently so elected senators and representatives; and all such returns shall be by him laid before the legislature at its next ensuing session, together with a list of the names of the persons who appear by such returns to have been duly elected senators and representatives; and the persons appearing by such returns to be duly elected, shall proceed to organize themselves accordingly as the Senate and House of Representatives. The votes for President shall be sorted, counted, and declared by the House of Representatives. And if no person shall appear to have a majority of such votes, the senators and representatives present shall, in convention, by joint ballot, elect from among the persons having the three highest numbers of votes, a person to act as President for the ensuing term.

SEC. 6. The legislature shall assemble once at least in every year, and such meeting shall be on the first Monday in January, unless a different day shall be

appointed by law.

SEC. 7. Every legislator and other officer appointed under this Constitution, shall, before he enters upon the duties of his office, take and subscribe a solemn oath or affirmation to support the Constitution of this Republic, and faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of such office. The presiding officer of the Senate shall administer such oath or affirmation to the President, in convention of both Houses; and the President shall administer the same to the Vice-President, to the senators, and to the representatives in like manner. If the President is unable to attend, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court may administer the oath or affirmation to him, at any place, and also to the Vice-President, senators, and representatives, in convention. Other officers may take such oath or affirmation before the President, Chief Justice, or any other person who may be designated by law.

SEC. 8. All elections of public officers shall be made by a majority of the votes.

except in cases otherwise regulated by the Constitution or by law.

SEC. 9. Offices created by this Constitution which the circumstances of the Republic do not require that they shall be filled, shall not be filled until the legislature shall deem it necessary.

SEC. 10. The property of which a woman may be possessed at the time of her marriage, and also that of which she may afterwards become possessed, otherwise than by her husband, shall not be held responsible for his debts, whether contracted

before or after marriage.

Nor shall the property thus intended to be secured to the woman be alienated otherwise than by her free and voluntary consent, and such alienation may be made by her either by sale, devise or otherwise.

SEC. 11. In all cases in which estates are insolvent, the widow shall be entitled to one third of the real estate during her natural life, and to one third of the personal estate, which she shall hold in her own right, subject to alienation by her, by devise or otherwise.

SEC. 12. No person shall be entitled to hold real estate in this Republic unless he be a citizen of the same. Nevertheless, this article shall not be construed to apply to colonization, missionary, educational, or other benevolent institutions, so long as the property or estate is applied to its legitimate purposes.

SEC. 13. The great object of forming these colonies being to provide a home for the dispersed and oppressed children of Africa, and to regenerate and enlighten this benighted continent, none but persons of color shall be admitted to citizenship in this Republic.

Sec. 14. The purchase of any land by any citizen or citizens from the aborigines of this country, for his or their own use, or for the benefit of others, as estate or estates in fee simple, shall be considered null and void to all intents and purposes.

SEC. 15. The improvement of the native tribes, and their advancement in the arts of agriculture and husbandry being a cherished object of this Government, it shall be the duty of the President to appoint in each county some discreet person, whose duty it shall be to make regular and periodical tours through the country, for the purpose of calling the attention of the natives to these wholesome branches of industry, and of instructing them in the same; and the legislature shall, as soon as can conveniently be done, make provision for these purposes by the appropriation of money.

SEC. 16. The existing regulations of the American Colonization Society, in the Commonwealth, relative to emigrants, shall remain the same in the Republic, until regulated by compact between the Society and the Republic: nevertheless, the legislature shall make no law prohibiting emigration. And it shall be among the first duties of the legislature to take measures to arrange the future relations between the American Colonization Society and this Republic.

SEC. 17. This Constitution may be altered whenever two thirds of both branches of the legislature may deem it necessary. In which case the alterations or amendments shall first be considered and approved by the legislature, by the concurrence of two thirds of the members of each branch, and afterwards by them submitted to the people, and adopted by two thirds of all the electors at the next biennial meeting for the election of senators and representatives.

Done in Convention at Monrovia, in the county of Montserrado, by the unanimous consent of the people of the Commonwealth of Liberia, this twenty-sixth day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand and eight hundred and forty-seven, and of the Republic the first.

In witness whereof we have hereto set our names.

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## CONSTITUTION

OF THE

# AMERICAN COLONIZATION SOCIETY.

- Article 1. This Society shall be called "The American Colonization Society."
- Art. 2. The object to which its attention is to be exclusively directed is, to promote and accute a plan for colonizing, with their own consent, the free people of color residing in our country, in Africa, or such other place as Congress shall deem expedient. And the Society shall act, to effect this object, in co-operation with the General Government and such of the States as may adopt regulations on the subject.
- Art. 3. Every clitzen of the United States who shall have paid to the funds of the Society the sum of one dollar, shall be a member of the Society for one year from the time of such payment. Any clitzen who shall have paid the sum of thirty dollars, shall be a member for life. And any citizen paying the sum of one thousand dollars, shall be a Director for life. Foreigners may be made members by out of the Society or of the Directors.
- Art. 4. The Society shall meet annually, at Washington, on the third Tuesday in January, and such other times and places as they shall direct. At the annual meeting, a President and Vice-Presidents shall be chosen, who shall perform the duties appropriate to those offices.
- Art. 5. There shall be a Board of Directors composed of the Directors for life and of Delegates from the several State Societies and societies for the District of Columbia and Territories of the United States. Each of such societies shall be entitled to one Delegate for every five hundred dollars paid into the treasury of this Society within the year previous to the annual meeting.
- Art. 6. The Board shall annually appoint one or more Secretaries, a Treasurer, and an Executive Committee of seven persons—ill of whom shall ex-officio be members of the Board, having a right to be present at its meetings, and to take part in the transaction of its business; but they shall not vote, except as provided in Article 7.
- Art. 7. The Board of Directors shall meet annually, in Washington, immediately after the annual meeting of the Society, and at unct other times and places as it shall appoint, or at the request of the Executive Committee, and at the request of any three of the Auxiliary State Societies, communicated to the Corresponding Secretary. Seven Directors shall form a quorum-flut if, at any annual meeting, or meeting regularly called, a less number be in attendance, then five members of the Executive Committee, with such Directors, not less than four, as may be present, shall constitute a Board, and have competent authority to transact any business of the Society; provided, however, that the Board thus constituted shall carry no question unless the vote be unanimous.
- Art. 8. The Executive Committee shall meet according to its own appointment, or at the of the Secretary. This Committee shall have discretionary power to transact the business of the Society, subject only to such limitations as are found in its charter, in this Constitution, and in the votes that have been passed, or may hereafter be passed, by the Board of Directors. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be members of the Committee ex-officio, with the right to deliberate, but not to vote. The Committee is authorized to fill all vacancies in its own body; to sppoint a Secretary or Treasurer whenever such offices are vacant; and to appoint and direct such sgents as may be necessary for the service of the Society. At every annual meeting, the Committee shall report their doings to the Society, and to the Board of Directors.
- Art. 9. This Constitution may be amended, upon a proposition to that effect by any of the Societies represented in the Board of Directors, transmitted to the Secretary, and published in the official paper of the Society, three months before the annual meeting; provided such amendment receive the sanction of two-thirds of the Board, at its next annual meeting.

## BY-LAWS

FOR THE

## GOVERNMENT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS

OF THE

## Rew-Pork State Colonization Society.

1. THE Officers of the Society are respectively the like Officers of the Board, and shall perform corresponding duties therein.

The President, or, in his absence, the Vice-President, first in the order of election, who may be present, otherwise one of the managers, chosen protem, shall preside at the meetings of the Board.

3. Stated meetings of the Board shall take place on the third Tuesday of each month, and the notices of such meetings shall be given by the Corresponding Secretary.

4. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the Frestont, or upon the application of at least three members of the Board; the notices of such appearing meetings to be given by the Corresponding Secretary, and the object thereof shall be stated in the notices.

5. The presiding officer shall fill up all special committees appointed at the meeting at which he presides, unless it be otherwise directed in resolutions appointing them.

6. There shall be an Executive Committee of seven, to be appointed annually by the Board, from its members, at the first regular meeting in each year after the Society's annual meeting, whose office it shall be to transact the ordinary business of the Board, and report, by reading its own minutes, at each stated meeting of the Board. The Corresponding Secretary shall be ex-officio a member of the Executive Committee.

7. Of the Executive Committee, three shall be a quorum. The Board may at any time declare and fill vacancies in, and control and regulate the proceedings of, the Executive Committee.

8. There shall be a Finance Committee of three members, who shall be appointed at the same time with the Executive Committee, whose duty it shall be to assist the Treasurer in the management of the funds of the Society, and audit all bills for the current expenses of the Board, and such other matters as may be referred to it by the Board.

9. Reports of special committees shall be in writing, unless excused by the Board.

10. Special meetings of the Society, provided for in the eighth Article of the Constitution, may be called at any time, and regulated by resolution of the Board, at any stated or special meeting.

11. The Recording Secretary shall preserve, in a book provided for the purpose, an accurate copy of the Constitution of the Society, and of these By-Laws, and also record therein amendments of said Constitution and By-Laws, which may be made from time to time. He shall notify the Chairman of Committees, in writing, of the names of the members composing their committees respectively, and of the object of their appointment. He shall notify officers and managers of their slegillon.

12. The Tressurer shell keep a regular account of all moneys by him received or disbursed, and shall make no payments, on account of the Sodety, except by resolution of the Board, or Finance Committee. Bits accounts shall be examined by an auditing committee of the Board, during the month preceding the annual meeting in each year. He shall reader an account currents at every stated meeting of the Board, and his annual account shall terminate with the 31st March.

13. The order of business at stated meetings of the Board shall be as follows:

- (l.) Reading the minutes of the last stated meeting, and of intermediate meetings of the Board.
  - (2) Report of Executive Committee.
  - (3) Report of Corresponding Secretary.
  - (4.) Report of Treasurer.
  - (5.) Reports of Special Committees, in the order in which they stard on the minutes.

(6.) Miscellaneous business.
14. These By-Laws :nay be amended at any regular meeting of the Board, upon a proposition in writing, stating the proposed amendment made by any member at a meeting preceding that at which such propositic '\* acted upon.

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